



PROGRAM PROFILE

Program Name:	Fisheries Enhancement Program (FEP)
Agency:	Sonoma County Water Agency
Funding Path:	No restrictions on types of entities that can receive funds (agency to individual, agency to agency, agency to non-profit, etc.)
Program Goals:	(1) To work cooperatively and in conjunction with individuals, organizations and federal, state, and local agencies to preserve, enhance, and restore populations of anadromous salmonids in the Russian River Watershed. (2) To develop research programs to study fisheries within the affected watersheds.
Available Services:	Funding, Materials, Equipment, Personnel - biologists, engineers, equipment operators. Permit preparation is NOT an available service.
Eligibility:	All individuals and organizations are eligible to receive funds and services.
Limitations / Requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">(1) All projects must be within the Russian River Watershed (Sonoma and Mendocino Counties).(2) Workers' Compensation Insurance if cooperating individual, agency, or organization has employees or volunteers.(3) Must obtain applicable state, federal, local permits before work begins.(4) Must obtain Right of Entry Agreement if project is on land not owned by cooperating individual, agency, or organization.
Funding Cycle / Funds Available:	The FEP funding cycle is annual. Requests for Proposals are sent in late January, proposals are due in late April, and applicants are notified in late May. The Water Agency recommends projects to its board of directors (Sonoma County Board of Supervisors) in July. Funds can be released immediately after

Board approval. The Sonoma County Water Agency Russian River Project Fund makes up to \$50,000 available annually for FEP projects.

Number of Projects

Submitted v. Funded : In 2002, Approximately 42% of the submitted proposals were funded. In 2002, 12 organizations submitted 19 proposals requesting a total of \$212,643. The Agency's board of directors approved 8 proposals from 6 organizations totaling \$94,814. Funding requests for individual proposals averaged \$11,851 and ranged from \$1,700 to \$50,101.

Successful

Applicants/Projects: Funding priority is given to projects that focus directly on the enhancement of salmonid populations and habitat. Projects that utilize matching funds from other sources and involve cooperation with other agencies are preferable. Commonly funded FEP projects include: riparian revegetation, bank stabilization, fish barrier removal, slide repair/stabilization, applied research into restoration techniques, and stream clean-up activities.

Common Reasons for

Application Rejection: Projects that have no clear benefit to anadromous salmonids or their habitat will be rejected. Project proposals that allocate a large portion of funds to personal salaries will also be rejected.